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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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	:	Group Art Unit: 2626 RECEIVED
Application No.: 09/671,623)	The Land
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS)	November 8, 2004
AND METHOD, AND STORAGE	:	
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group IV, directed to Claims 47 to 58. Applicants respectfully submit that there is sufficient overlap between the groups as to make prosecution of the application in its entirety the most efficient means for advancing prosecution. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully sought.

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Respectfully submitted,

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